

Somersville Streetscape Planning Committee

Minutes for Meeting of Feb. 21, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by David Pinney, First Selectman.

Persons present were David Pinney, First Selectman; David Reed; Jill Conklin; Ron Elliot; and Bob Cafarelli, Town Engineer and Director of Public Works.

Selectman Pinney began the meeting by noting that the Selectmen wanted to reconstitute the Somersville Streetscape Planning Committee to provide guidance and oversight to the actions necessary to bring the Somersville Streetscape Plan into reality. Pinney noted that there currently was \$200,000 available to construct a sidewalk on the North side of Main Street (Rte 190), and that there were possibilities for other funding through the STEAP Grant Program. He noted that the committee should provide guidance to the priorities of the respective projects included in the Somersville Streetscape plan, and , with consulting assistance, develop possible funding sources and phasing to accomplish the plan. He pledged his and the town's support in applying for funds as requested by the committee.

Pinney also passed out a estimate of numerous projects that had been created with the submission of the streetscape plan .

Discussion then centered around the need to develop supporting infrastructure in the area, particularly as regards storm water drainage. Bob Cafarelli noted that he would look through the PW Department to see what drawings, if any, were in existence.

David Pinney also noted that the committee might wish to have a consultant to assist them in providing the oversight desired by the town to develop and accomplish the work needed to result in the streetscape. After some discussion, Jill Conklin suggested that a consultant be sought on an on-call basis to provide the services to the committee as requested.

Pinney then turned the discussion to committee administration. It was thought that the committee should plan on meeting twice monthly. Ron Elliot then nominated David Reed to chair the committee, which was supported unanimously by the members present.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

David Reed, Chairman and Acting Secretary